

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this amendment in response to the Examiner's request for an election of species.

In response to the election of species Applicants choose pre-ground, non-sieved granules of pulp cellulose as the material from Category (a) and choose colorants as the auxiliary material from Category (b). Applicants have submitted new claim 37 as the elected species claim. Applicants are thus indicating that the pre-ground, non-sieved, pulp cellulose and a colorant are the materials in the elected species. See Example 1 for antecedent basis for the elected species of claim 37.

Claims 1 through 5, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 36 are all readable on the elected species.

Applicants have also amended the claims to remove some minor informalities in the preambles, and have canceled claim 35 in favor of new claim 36, which covers this aspect of the invention as a method of use, rather than as a use according to the requirements of US Patent Practice.

Applicants await an action on the merits. Applicants are paying electronically for the cost of adding an additional dependent claim to the claims now on file.

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